

Update on Workgroup Activities and Council Work Plan

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Council Work Plan

- **Phase 1** – Assessment of Health Reform (May-mid July, for July Report)
 - *Public comments guided Interim Report*
- **Phase 2** – Discussion and Development of Options (mid-July to end of October)
 - *Active workgroups focused on key implementation issues*
 - *Workgroup Papers due to Council by November 1*
- **Phase 3** – Review Options and Develop Initial Recommendations (November 16th Council Meeting)
 - *Public hearings late November and early December about reform recommendations*
- **Phase 4** – Finalize Recommendations and issue report (December 17th Council Meeting)



Exchange and Insurance Markets

- 4 out of 5 meetings held
 1. Background and educational
 - 2-3. Public comments
 4. Review synthesis of public comments
 5. October 22nd meeting to review draft white paper
- Options on governance, competencies of navigators, relationship between Medicaid and Exchange and external market, strategies for self sufficiency

Entry to Coverage

- 3 out of 4 meetings held
 1. Background and educational sessions
 2. Public comments
 3. Review initial draft of white paper
 4. October 26th meeting to review final draft
- Goal is seamless systems to support:
 - Eligibility across health and human services
 - Enrollment into health plans

Education and Outreach

- 2 out of 3 meetings held
 1. Background, communications 101, review lessons from past experiences
 2. Participants developed identified needs in Maryland (audience, topics and channels of communication)
 3. October 20th meeting to review draft white paper
- Goal to lay foundation for comprehensive communications plan (consumers, providers, employers, insurers), identify current efforts and opportunities to collaborate.

Public Health, Safety Net and Special Populations

- 2 out of 3 meetings held
 1. Panel discussions on safety net and behavioral health
 2. Panel discussion on public health, special populations and public comment
 3. October 21st meeting to review draft white paper
- Many special populations issues cut across other workgroups
- Recognize unique role of public health and safety net that will need to continue

Workforce

- 2 out of 3 meetings held
 1. Background and educational, review prior efforts
 2. Public comments
 3. October 15th meeting to review draft white paper
- Workforce pipeline takes time to address
- 8 options developed
 - Some strategies that begin immediately
 - Others require further development and review

Delivery System

- 3 out of 4 meetings held
 1. Background and review Maryland market
 2. Public comments
 3. Synthesis of public comments
 4. October 25th meeting to review draft report
- Goal to build on payment and delivery system reform initiatives, identify areas of broad support

Next Steps

- Workgroups to finalize papers by November 1
- November 16 Council Meeting to review workgroup reports and discuss recommendations
- Public Hearings to get comment on initial Council recommendations
- December 17 Council meeting to finalize report